THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. This Ministry had taken up the matter regarding restoration of Central Excise Rebate for the deep Sea Fishing Industry with the Finance Ministry. However, the Finance Ministry had not agreed to the same.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposals for Deep-sea fishing Industry for 1993-94

2770. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific proposals for the 1994-95 to revive the deep-sea fishing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The rehabilitation package announced in 1991-92 and revised in 1992-93 is applicable for 1993-94 and 1994-95. The Government is also providing assistance to the deep sea fishing sector in the form of subsidies as well as developmental incentives. The Government has also constituted a Technical Committee to recommend means for revival of sick deep sea fishing units. This Committee has not submitted its report.

Clearance of cases of entrepreneurs involved in deep sea fishing

2771. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entrepreneurs from Southern States involved in deep-sea fishing have to come frequently to Delhi for clearances, etc. for their joint ventures and other permissions;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to streamline the administration; and

(c) what is the average delay in this matter of giving responses and clearances by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) While no fixed time frame has been stipulated for clearance of Joint ventures and other permissions, applications complete in all respects are disposed of expeditiously. The proposals for joint ventures etc. are considered on merit in terms of deep sea fishing Policy and personal visits of the entrepreneurs to Delhi for clearances etc. are not necessary.

Participation of SCICI in Murari Committee

*2772. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the S.C.I.C.I. was represented on the Murari Committee set up by the Minister of Food Processing Industries to study ways of reviving the sick deep-sea fishing industry;

(b) if so, what were the suggestions and participation of S.C.I.C.I. in the Committee meetings; and

(c) what are the reasons for taking adverse stand towards small and individual operations in the deep-sea fishing sector by S.C.I.C.I.?

*Previously Unstarred Question transferred from 21.12.93.